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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7725**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1314

**NOTE PREPARED:** Apr 29, 2005

**BILL AMENDED:** Apr 28, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Various Education Matters.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Behning

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Sen. Lubbers

**BILL STATUS:** Enrolled

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (A) The bill changes the name of the School For The Blind to the School For The Blind And Visually Impaired. The bill makes certain changes to the qualifications for the superintendents of the School For The Blind And Visually Impaired and the School For The Deaf, and changes the title of "superintendent" to "chief executive officer" for each school.

(B) The bill eliminates the requirement of approval from a school superintendent and a representative of a school corporation for a high school student to enroll in the postsecondary enrollment program. The bill requires a school corporation and a postsecondary institution to enter into a contract concerning credits for a student attending the postsecondary institution while the student is also attending secondary school.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2005.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (A) *Summary:* Under the bill, the name School For The Blind would change to the School for The Blind And Visually Impaired. The bill would change the name of the superintendent of the School for The Blind And School For The Deaf to chief executive officer. The provision would require the two schools to update business cards and stationary. In addition the School For The Blind would likely replace their signs.

The bill does not provide an appropriation to cover the expenditure for these changes but it is assumed that these expenses would be covered under their existing budget.

*Background:* The General Assembly appropriated \$10.4 M to the School For The Blind from the state General

Fund and \$122,028 from dedicated funds in FY 2005. Total General Fund expenditure for the School For The Blind was \$10.6 M in FY 2004. The School For The Blind expended \$20,993 for stationary/office supplies in FY 2004. The School For The Deaf expended \$14,027 for stationary/office supplies in FY 2004.

**(B)** Under the bill, state postsecondary institutions of higher education would be required to produce and maintain records on students that participate in the postsecondary enrollment program. The impact to state expenditures should be covered within university/college budgets. The bill would allow the Commission for Higher Education to have access to the course records of students that participate in the program.

#### **Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** **(B) Summary:** Under current law, school corporations are given the option to enter into contracts with colleges and universities for dual credit procedures under the postsecondary enrollment program. Under the bill, school boards would be required to enter into contracts on dual enrollment credit with colleges and universities. It is possible that school corporations would be able to administer such contracts within existing resources. However, the administrative impact would depend on the number of contracts per school.

*Background:* There are five public four-year universities, one public two-year university, one public two-year college, and 32 independent universities and colleges in Indiana.

#### **Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Postsecondary institutions; Indiana School For The Blind; Indiana School For The Deaf.

**Local Agencies Affected:** School corporation governing bodies.

**Information Sources:** Object Trial Balance June 30, 2004; *State of Indiana List of Appropriations July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2005*.

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